

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1(Currently Amended). Biaxially oriented polymer film of up to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness, having at least one layer, wherein said layer is a fibre-containing layer comprising (a) a thermoplastic polymer selected from the group consisting of a polyimide, polyamide, polyester, polyvinyl chloride, and polyolefin, ~~that contains~~ and (b) a fibre selected from the group consisting of natural fibres, polymer fibres and mineral fibres,

wherein said film is characterized by easy initial tearability.

Claims 2-12 (Canceled).

13(Original). The polymer film according to claim 1, wherein the fibre-containing layer contains 0.5 to about 30% by weight, based on the weight of the layer, of fibres.

14(Original). The polymer film according to claim 1, wherein the fibres are selected from the group consisting of cellulose fibres, cotton fibres, polypropylene fibres, polyethylene fibres, polyester fibres, polyamide fibres, polyimide fibres, wollastonite fibres and fibres made from calcium silicate.

15(Original). The polymer film according to claim 1, wherein the fibres have a length in the range from 10 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , a diameter in the range from 1.5 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a length/diameter L/D ratio of from 5 to 30.

16(Previously Presented). The polymer film according to claim 1, wherein the fibres have a melting point which is at least 5°C above the extrusion temperature of said thermoplastic polymer or of the polymer/fibre mixture.

17(Canceled).

18(Previously Presented). The polymer film according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic polymer is polypropylene.

19(Previously Presented). The polymer film according to claim 18, wherein said thermoplastic polymer is an isotactic propylene homopolymer.

20(Original). The polymer film according to claim 1, wherein the film is multilayered, and the fibre-containing layer is the base layer of the film.

21(Original). The polymer film according to claim 1, wherein the film is multilayered, and the fibre-containing layer is the interlayer of the film.

22(Previously Presented). The polymer film according to claim 1, further comprising multiple layers, wherein said fibre-containing layer is a base layer which comprises a component selected from the group consisting of pigments, vacuole-initiating fillers, and combinations thereof.

23(Previously Presented). The polymer film according to claim 1, further comprising multiple layers, wherein said fibre-containing layer is an interlayer which comprises a component selected from the group consisting of pigments, vacuole-initiating fillers, and combinations thereof.

24(Original). The polymer film according to claim 22, wherein the fibre-containing layer additionally comprises a component selected from the group consisting of pigments, vacuole-initiating fillers, and combinations thereof.

25(Original). The polymer film according to claim 23, wherein the fibre-containing layer additionally comprises a component selected from the group consisting of pigments, vacuole-initiating fillers, and combinations thereof.

26(Original). The polymer film according to claim 1, wherein said film is metallized.

27(Original). A process for the production of a polymer film according to claim 1, comprising extruding a mixture of thermoplastic polymer and fibres onto a chill roll, warming the resultant pre-film, and stretching said pre-film in the longitudinal direction and the transverse direction.

28(Original). A process comprising packaging a product with a film of claim 1.

29(Original). A process comprising labeling a product with a film of claim 1.

30(Original). A process comprising laminating a product with a film of claim 1.

31(Currently Amended). Biaxially oriented polymer film having at least one layer, wherein said layer is a fibre-containing layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer selected from the group consisting of a polyimide, polyamide, polyester, polyvinyl chloride, and polyolefin; and fibre selected from the group consisting of cellulose fibres, cotton fibres, polypropylene fibres, polyethylene fibres, polyester fibres, polyamide fibres, polyimide fibres, wollastonite fibres and fibres made from calcium silicate,

wherein the fibre-containing layer contains 0.5 to about 30% by weight, based on the weight of the layer, of said fibres, wherein said film has easy initial tearability.

32(Currently Amended).      Biaxially oriented polymer film having at least one layer, wherein said layer is a fibre-containing layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer that contains fibre selected from the group consisting of natural fibres, polymer fibres and mineral fibres, wherein the fibre-containing layer contains 0.5 to about 30% by weight, based on the weight of the layer, of fibre, wherein said film has easy initial tearability.

33(New).      The film according to claim 1, wherein said thickness is 20 to 60  $\mu\text{m}$ .

34(New).      The film according to claim 1, wherein said easy initial tearability comprises an initial tear strength of about 5.2 to 8.1 N.

35(New).      Biaxially oriented polymer film of up to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness, having at least one layer, wherein said layer is a fibre-containing layer comprising a thermoplastic polymer selected from the group consisting of a polyimide, polyamide, polyester, polyvinyl chloride, and polyolefin, that contains fibre selected from the group consisting of natural fibres, polymer fibres and mineral fibres,

wherein the initial tear strength of said film is less than 8.1 N.

36(New).      The film according to claim 33, wherein said initial tear strength is 5.2 to 8.1 N.